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### **MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965**

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Pontardawe Rural District Council.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1965. The Report is compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health as given in Circular 1/66 (Wales) and the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

No unusual trends were shown by the vital statistics for the year, 1965. The total number of deaths from malignant conditions was 58. The largest single cause of death from malignant neoplasm, lung, continued to be carcinoma of the lung or bronchus. Nine males died during the year from these conditions but there were no female deaths. Coronary disease, angina, accounted for 86 out of a total of 403 deaths from all causes. The difference between the sexes in this latter cause of death was not significant, 48 deaths occurring in males and 38 in females, although there was a slight tendency for male deaths to predominate in the lower age group. Only two deaths occurred from Respiratory Tuberculosis.

There was no serious epidemic of infectious disease other than measles during the year but a small outbreak of food poisoning due to *Salmonella typhimurium* occurred in June in the upper part of the valley. It was limited to members of one family and their immediate relations, and although meat was thought to be the initial cause no actual proof was forthcoming. The first case was an elderly man who died in hospital. He was however, seriously ill with a chronic condition before he became infected. In July, three cases of dysentery (*Shigella sonnei*) occurred in Clydach. These cleared up in hospital. Investigations showed that the infection had been brought in by two teenage girls from the Swansea area who were staying with a family in Clydach at the time and were found to be symptomless carriers. Later in the year several further cases of Sonne dysentery occurred in the Swansea Valley and in the Cwmllynfell area. In all, three confirmed cases of *Salmonella typhimurium* food poisoning occurred in the first outbreak together with a small number of symptomless carriers and later there were eleven confirmed cases of Sonne dysentery occurring in four small scattered outbreaks as mentioned above. During the

summer a number of cases of mild scarlet fever were notified in the Clydach area. These all occurred in young children attending the local infants' school where there was also a number of children suffering from septic throats but having no rash. Extensive swabbing was carried out by the Department and a number of cases of haemolytic streptococcal throat infections were discovered. These were excluded from school and treated with antibiotics by their own doctors. This outbreak cleared up in a few weeks.

On 31st December, 1965, 520 applicants remained on the Council's housing list. On the same date in 1964, there were 501 applicants on the list. During the year 1965, 169 families were rehoused under the points Scheme and 8 families rehoused as keyworkers etc.

Towards the end of December, the mountainside at Godrer-graig which had previously caused concern began to move again following very heavy rains. Existing cracks widened and new cracks appeared and in one instance a fairly large and substantial house collapsed and was engulfed in less than a minute by a sudden fall of earth and rock accompanied by a large gush of water. A number of people were in the house at the time and furniture was being removed to a place of safety. However, fortunately, they were able to get out a few seconds before the house disappeared. Because of these movements in the mountain it became necessary to rehouse thirty odd families as an emergency. This was carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Department and the problems involved are described in more detail in this report.

It is desired to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their co-operation and interest in the work of the Department and the Staff of the Public Health Department who have at all times carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. M. DAVIES,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

# **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA**

Chairman of the Public Health Committee :  
Councillor J. D. MAUNDER

## **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS**

Medical Officer of Health :  
Dr. G. M. DAVIES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector :  
IEUAN LEWIS, M.B.E., F.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.  
(Meat and Other Foods)

## **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS**

G. A. REES, M.A.P.H.I.  
D. J. DAVIES, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H. (Meat and Other Foods)  
H. WYNNE JONES, M.A.P.H.I., C.I.Hsg, C.R.S.H.  
(Meat and Other Foods)

**STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :**  
ENIR WYN HODGE

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL**

Senior Assistant : JOHN ROGERS

MARY E. DAVIES	RUFUS THOMAS
BANKS P. REES	BEATRICE WILLIAMS

## SECTION A — STATISTICS

Area as given on Ordnance Maps .....	34,969 acres
Registrar-General's Estimate of mid-year population ....	30,270
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1964 .....	£738,757
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1/4/64 .....	£2,820

### Live Births :

Number .....	417
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) .....	15.57
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births .....	4.32

### Still Births :

Number .....	12
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births .....	27.97
Total live and still-births .....	429
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) .....	6

### Infant Mortality Rates :

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	14.39
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	15.03
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) .....	7.19
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .....	4.80
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births) .....	32.63
Maternal Mortality (including abortion) .....	Nil
Total Number of Deaths (all ages) .....	403
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) .....	13.58
Deaths from Cancer .....	58
Death from Gastro-enteritis (under 1 year) .....	Nil

# **FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1965 FOR THE RURAL**

### **DISTRICT OF PONTARDAWE IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN**

#### **Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961**

#### **PART I OF THE ACT**

1—INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	12	18	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	125	162	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> .. .. .	<b>137</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>



2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	25	25	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	7	7	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	34	34	—	1	—

# **Part VIII of the Act. HOMEWORK. (Sections 133 and 134)**

There were no Outworkers registered with the Authority during 1965.

## **Report under Factories Act, 1961.**

All factories were supervised in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and as indicated in the foregoing tables all defects were remedied without the institution of proceedings.

**CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1965  
IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PONTARDAWE**

S. N.	CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and Under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
						1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 plus
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
		F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2
		F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
11	Malignant neoplasm, Lung	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	3	1
	Bronchus	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Malignant neoplasm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Breast	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	3
		M	18	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	5	8	2
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	8
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
16	Diabetes	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	7	22
		F	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	16	24
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	M	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	9	18	14
		F	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	7	12	16
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
		F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1



## GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) — VITAL STATISTICS — 1965

	Est'd Pop. 1965	BIRTHS				DEATHS				INFANT MORTALITY		PERI-NATAL MORTALITY	
		No. of Births	Rate per 1,000 population		No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population		Deaths under 1 year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths & deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths		
			Crude	Adj'd		Crude	Adj'd						
England and Wales .. ..	47 762,800	864,000	18.00	—	549,320	11.50	—	16,414	19.00	23,606	26.90		
Administrative County .. ..	761,260	13,178	17.31	17.66	9,152	12.02	13.58	274	20.79	402	29.94		
Urban Districts .. ..	526,490	9,072	17.23	17.75	6,540	12.42	14.16	203	22.38	295	31.89		
Rural Districts .. ..	234,770	4,106	17.49	17.66	2,612	11.13	12.24	71	17.29	107	25.63		
Health Division. Constituent Districts													
Aberdare .. .. and Mountain Ash .. ..	38,900 29,380	663 486	17.04 16.54	18.57 16.54	597 370	15.35 12.59	15.50 14.98	19 15	28.66 30.86	21 12	31.25 24.34		
Caerphilly .. .. and Gelligaer .. ..	37,190 35,070	768 690	20.65 19.67	20.24 19.67	415 416	11.16 11.86	14.06 15.30	15 14	19.53 20.29	29 21	36.66 29.37		
Mid-Glamorgan .. .. Bridgend Urban .. ..	15,170	235	15.49	15.95	181	11.93	13.00	6	25.53	6	25.10		
Maesteg Urban .. ..	21,510	371	17.25	17.94	258	11.99	14.27	5	13.48	11	29.02		
Ogmore and Garw Urban .. ..	20,800	337	16.20	16.69	248	11.92	14.66	10	29.67	11	32.26		
Porthcawl Urban .. ..	12,210	221	18.10	20.27	142	11.63	10.12	3	13.57	6	26.79		
Penybont Rural .. ..	45,480	946	20.80*	19.97	543	11.94	12.18	19	20.08	22	22.92		

Neath and District	Neath M. B. ..	30,400	456	15.00	15.60	383	12.60	13.61	13	28.51	13	28.14
	Neath Rural ..	40,870	674	16.49	17.15	485	11.87	14.36	15	22.26	24	34.88
Pontypridd and Llantrisant.	Llantrisant Rural ..	28,650	595	20.77	19.73	271	9.46	12.11	10	16.81	18	29.61
	Pontypridd Urban ..	35,170	588	16.72	17.05	451	12.82	12.69	9	15.31	19	31.67
Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg	Glyncorrwg Urban ..	9,510	201	21.14	20.51	112	11.78	17.32	9	44.78	13	61.90
	Port Talbot M.B. ..	51,810	892	17.22	17.05	525	10.13	13.78	20	22.42	26	28.70
South East Glamorgan	Barry M.B. ..	42,520	762	17.92	18.46	467	10.98	11.97	12	15.75	22	28.35
	Cardiff Rural ..	53,420	816	15.28	14.82	592	11.08	10.75	11	13.48	17	20.61
	Cowbridge M.B. ..	1,120	18	16.07	16.23	7	6.25	5.94	—	—	—	—
	Cowbridge Rural ..	21,580	405	18.77	20.08	160	7.41	12.15	5	12.35	5	12.25
West Glamorgan	Penarth Urban ..	21,750	382	17.56	18.96	271	12.46	11.71	6	15.71	12	30.69
	Gower Rural ..	14,500	253	17.45	18.85	158	10.90	10.79	5	19.76	7	27.24
	Llwchwr Urban ..	25,450	411	16.15	17.28	314	12.34	13.33	8	19.46	13	31.03
	Pontardawe Rural ..	30,270	417	13.78	15.57	403	13.31	13.58	6	14.39	14	32.63
Rhondda M.B.	.. ..	98,530	1,591	16.15	16.63	1,383	14.04	16.01	39	24.51	60	36.88

# INFANTILE MORTALITY

Net Deaths at Various Ages Under One Year

Causes of Death	Sex	AGE GROUPS						PARISH OR WARD			
		Under 24 Hours	1—2 Weeks	1 Month and Under 3 Months	Under 6 Months	Over 6 Months Under 1 Year	Total Deaths under 1 Year	Godrgraig	Alltygrug	Cwm-lllyn-fell	Cae-gurwen
Broncho-pneumonia	M F	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	— —
Acute Tracheo Bronchitis	M F	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	— —	1 —
Pulmonary Oedema and Congenital Cysts of Lungs	M F	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	1 —	— —
Anencephaly	M F	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	— —	1 —
(a) Hydropic foetus (b) Rhesus immunization (c) 26 weeks mature following hysterectomy	M F	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	1 —	— —	— —
Congenital Cyanetic Heart Disease	M F	— —	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— 1
TOTALS	M F	2 —	— 1	1 —	1 —	1 —	5 1	1 —	1 —	1 —	2 1

# BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1947 — 1965

Year	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)	Death Rate under One year per 1,000 Live Births	Death Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)
1947	16.8	45.0	12.9
1948	16.5	37.1	11.8
1949	14.4	51.0	13.2
1950	13.97	35.09	14.15
1951	13.23	30.37	14.16
1952	14.57	32.05	13.30
1953	13.93	49.11	13.21
1954	14.26	39.22	13.36
1955	13.43	20.83	14.70
1956	13.97	27.33	16.07
1957	13.78	27.59	14.46
1958	13.55	18.78	15.52
1959	13.30	28.85	13.67
1960	13.55	35.55	14.70
1961	13.93	23.58	14.37
1962	14.22	25.35	14.70
1963	16.36	24.77	15.73
1964	18.02	22.68	15.14
1965	15.57	14.39	13.58



# BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS — 1965

## BIRTHS

Live Births			Still Births				
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	218	199	417	Total	8	4	12
Legitimate	209	190	399	Legitimate	8	4	12
Illegitimate	9	9	18	Illegitimate	—	—	—

## INFANT DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age				Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	5	1	6	Total	2	1	3	Total	2	—	2
Legitimate	5	1	6	Legitimate	2	1	3	Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—	Illegitimate	—	—	—	Illegitimate	—	—	—

## STATISTICAL TABLE — COMPARISON OF POPULATION BIRTHS AND DEATHS — 1939-1965

Year	Registrar General's Estimate of Population	Live Births		Deaths	
		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
1939	33,780	420	12.4	418	12.3
1940	33,220	484	13.8	420	12.6
1941	34,330	552	14.6	407	11.9
1942	32,510	583	16.8	399	12.3
1943	31,550	570	17.6	406	12.8
1944	32,250	571	17.7	411	12.7
1945	32,520	515	15.8	399	12.3
1946	33,160	576	17.4	408	12.3
1947	33,110	557	16.8	426	12.9
1948	32,760	539	16.5	386	11.8
1949	32,780	472	14.4	432	13.2
1950	32,650	456	13.97	462	14.15
1951	32,340	428	13.23	458	14.16
1952	32,110	468	14.57	427	13.30
1953	32,170	448	13.93	425	13.21
1954	32,190	459	14.26	430	13.36
1955	32,170	432	13.43	473	14.70
1956	32,050	439	13.97	477	16.07
1957	31,880	435	13.78	423	14.46
1958	31,750	426	13.55	452	15.52
1959	31,580	416	13.30	396	13.67
1960	31,450	422	13.55	428	14.70
1961	30,740	424	13.93	405	14.37
1962	30,820	434	14.22	408	14.70
1963	30,660	444	16.36	455	15.73
1964	30,400	485	18.02	434	15.14
1965	30,270	417	15.57	403	13.58



ACCIDENTAL DEATHS (EXCLUDING MOTOR ACCIDENTS) 1965

CAUSE	SEX		PARISH OR WARD					
	M	F	Clydach	Gelli-o'nen	Ynys-ym'd	Cilyb'yll	Allty-grug	Cwm-ll'fell
Fracture of Right Hip	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Fracture of Skull Fall at Home	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Fracture of Femur	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Asphyxia—Drowning	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Compression Injury to Chest	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Fracture of Base of Skull	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Crush Injuries	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
TOTAL	6	2	2	1	1	2	1	1

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS 1965

Cause	Sex		Ward
	M	F	Gellionnen
Head Injuries — Pedestrian/Mobile Shop .....	1	—	1

SUICIDE 1965

Cause	Sex		Ward
	M	F	Clydach
Asphyxia Drowning .....	—	1	1

## SECTION B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

### (a) Laboratory Facilities.

As in previous years samples for bacteriological examination were dealt with at the Public Health Laboratory, Cockett, Swansea and samples for chemical analysis including those related to air pollution at the County Laboratory, Cardiff.

The number of samples taken during the year was as follows :—

#### WATER :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination .....	84
CHEMICAL Analysis .....	12

#### SWIMMING BATHS WATER :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination .....	20
CHEMICAL Examination .....	2

#### MILK :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination .....	7
BIOLOGICAL Examination .....	2

#### ICE CREAM :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination .....	10
CHEMICAL Analysis .....	Nil

#### ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION :

LEAD PEROXIDE INSTRUMENTS .....	12
DEPOSIT GAUGE .....	Nil

### (b) Welfare Services, Hospital and Ambulance Services.

The two County Council hostels at Danybryn and Gellygron continued in use and help to meet the increasing need for such accomodation. Your officers maintain a harmonious working relationship with the Welfare Officers of the County Council when cases arise affecting the duties of both authorities.

The Clydach and Gellynudd Hospitals continue to be administered by the Glantawe Hospital Management Committee as is the Hearing Aid Service. A number of meetings took place during the year with representatives of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board to consider the possibility of hospital closures when the new hospital at Singleton, Swansea would come into use and the situation as it affects this area is being carefully studied.

The new County Ambulance Station at Church Street, Pontardawe which was opened last year appears to be operating smoothly.

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

No formal action was necessary during the year with regard to the burial of unclaimed dead and persons in need of care and attention.

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1962

Progress towards the establishment of a "Meals on Wheels" service continued during the year and the formulation of a scheme is nearing completion.

### SECTION C

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

##### Water.

The Cray Reservoir of the Swansea Corporation continues as the main source of the district's water supply. In certain areas where pressure is inadequate this source is supplemented by supplies from a number of springs and tanks under the control of the Council's Water Department. Cray water is also held in some of these tanks. Bulk purchase for the year ended 31st March, 1965 for industrial and domestic use amounted to 732,375,000 gallons.

- (a) The water supply of the area in all parishes is generally satisfactory (i) in quality and (ii) in quantity.
- (b) Samples for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination of raw and treated water going into supply were taken throughout the year and results were generally satisfactory.
- (c) There was no evidence of contamination by lead in any of the samples analysed.
- (d) A piped mains water supply is available to most of the population of the area (30,000) covering about 10,000 dwellings. A few isolated houses still depend on stand pipes but the number of dwellings depending on private supplies from springs and wells is less than one hundred.

## **Public Swimming Baths.**

As in past years the two open air baths at Clydach and Ystalyfera maintained respectively by the Parish Councils of Rhyndwyclydach and Llanguicke, continued in use during the summer and were well patronised. Samples of the water were taken from time to time by the Council's Public Health Inspectors and were satisfactory.

## **Development of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes**

### **(a) WATER.**

The work of descaling and coating sections of the Clydach mains was put in hand.

### **(b) SEWERAGE.**

- (i) Swansea Valley Trunk Sewer and Sewage Disposal Works Scheme—in preparation.
- (ii) Ystalyfera Outfall Sewer and Sewer Diversion (£17,964)—completed.
- (iii) Felindre Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works Scheme—in preparation.
- (iv) Fforestgoch Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works Scheme—in preparation.

## **SECTION D.—HOUSING**

Tables giving a summary of the Council's rehousing activities (a) during the year 1965 and (b) for the years 1946-1965 are included in this section of the Report.

# ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY OF WARDS 1965

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme										Type of Accommodation provided				Tr'sfers-sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)				
	Occupation			Total Fam'ls under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of				Rehoused Outside (Keyw'ks etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided				No. of Transfers approved	No. of sub-tenancies Auth- orised	Total trans-fers—sb-ten-ancies						
	Agriculture	Mines	Steel/Tin		Others	T.B.	Disable-ment	Other Illness		Unfit Houses	Liv- ing in Apts											
												Casual Vac'cies	Other Accom'n				Notes					
Clydach	—	3	—	25	(1)	—	—	16	7	23	(2)	2	10	20	—	2 Kywks	24	18	(3)	42	(1) plus (2) plus (3)	72
Gellionnen	—	1	1	12	14	—	—	10	2	6	1	1	12	3	—	1 Kywkr	13	2	15	2	30	
Craigcefnparc	—	2	—	2	4	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	2	6		
Garnswllt—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Velindre	—	3	—	1	4	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	1	5		
Ynysymond	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	4	5		
Cilybebyll	—	2	—	30	33	—	—	17	5	18	1	1	22	12	—	—	15	2	17	51		
Blaenegel & Mawr	—	1	—	8	11	—	—	7	2	6	1	1	2	10	—	1 Sp Cas	10	16	26	38		
Godrergraig	—	9	—	22	32	—	—	15	9	16	1	1	20	13	—	1 Sp Cas	7	11	18	51		
Altygrug	—	4	—	11	15	—	—	7	5	4	1	1	—	16	—	1 Kywkr	9	12	21	37		
Cwmillynfell	—	2	1	4	7	—	—	3	1	4	1	1	—	8	—	1 Kywkr	2	3	5	13		
Caegurwen	—	3	—	17	20	—	—	4	7	11	—	—	5	15	—	—	6	10	16	36		
TOTAL	—	30	2	133	169	—	—	93	38	93	8	8	71	106	—	7 Kywks	88	79	167	344		

# ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY FOR YEARS 1946—1965

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme										Rehoused Outside Pts Schms (Keyw's etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided				Tr'sfers-sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)	
	Occupation				Total Fam's under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of						New Houses	Casual Vac'cies	Other Accom'n	Notes	No. of Transfers approved	No. of sub-tenancies Auth- orised	Total trans-fers—sub-ten-ancies		
	Agri'ture	Mines	Steel/Tin	Others		T.B.	Disable-ment	Other illness	Unfit Houses	Liv- ing in Apts										
				(1)							(2)							(3)		(1) plus (2) plus (3)
Clydach	—	123	44	318	485	27	9	195	41	375	57	409	199	5	369	254	623			1165
Gellionnen	—	17	35	92	144	19	—	59	35	65	3	98	45	3	74	55	129			276
Craigcfeinparc	—	33	—	31	64	2	—	22	8	38	1	44	21	—	22	23	45			110
Garnswllt—Velindre	—	48	2	27	77	6	—	21	11	50	2	48	31	—	11	21	32			111
Ynysymond	2	11	2	8	23	—	—	9	3	11	3	16	9	—	6	15	21			47
Cilybebyll	2	36	41	156	236	20	6	88	61	129	32	178	87	—	61	83	144			412
Blaenegel & Mawr	1	63	61	197	324	28	1	145	61	198	23	238	105	5	113	186	299			646
Godrergraig	—	83	16	114	214	14	3	60	78	105	3	181	57	—	68	150	218			435
Allytrug	—	120	10	186	316	20	2	135	84	156	9	160	163	2	186	245	431			756
Cwmillynfell	—	63	1	64	128	7	—	27	39	57	2	71	59	—	33	68	101			231
Caegurwen	—	160	6	128	294	19	2	119	46	209	6	194	101	—	91	146	237			537
Total to December 1965	5	757	218	1321	2305	162	23	890	467	1395	141	1532	877	15	1034	1245	2279			4725

## SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Milk Samples.

The results of samples taken during the year for bacteriological and biological purposes are as follows. Examinations were made at the Swansea Public Health Laboratory.

	No. Taken	No. Satis- factory	No. Unsatis- factory	% Satis- factory
Public Health Laboratory, Swansea				
Bacteriological Examination	7	7	—	100%
Biological .. .. .	2	2	—	100%

### Ice cream.

Samples were collected during the year and taken to Swansea Public Health Laboratory for examination. Details are as follows :

No. of Samples taken : 10	No.	%
Provisional Grade 1 : Satisfactory .. .. .	9	90%
„ „ 2 : Fairly Satisfactory .. .. .	41	10%
„ „ 3 : Fair Only .. .. .	—	—
„ „ 4 : Unsatisfactory .. .. .	—	—

### Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 16) Ice Cream Registrations

	PARISH OR WARD											
	Clyd	Gell	CCP	G.V	Ynis	Cil	B.M	Gd	Allt	Cm	Cae	Tl.R
Manufacture and Sale :												
(i) Complete Cold Mix	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	3
(ii) Hot Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	3
Sale :												
(i) Prepacked	24	7	5	4	—	13	19	8	23	7	18	128
(ii) Loose	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	2	8
	27	7	5	4	—	13	21	10	27	7	22	142



**SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE PONTARDAWE RURAL  
DISTRICT BY THE COUNTY SAMPLING OFFICERS  
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965**

Almonds (ground) .....	2	Marmalade .....	3
Aspirins .....	5	Meat Paste .....	3
Baby Food .....	1	Meat Products (canned) .....	26
Baking Powder .....	1	Milk .....	152
Bicarbonate of Soda ..	6	Mince meat .....	1
Borax .....	1	Mustard .....	1
Butter .....	14	Olive Oil .....	4
Cake Sp'ge Pastry Mix &c. 12		Orange & Lemon Curd ..	1
Cheese Spread .....	2	Peanut Butter .....	2
Coffee & Chicory .....	6	Pearl Barley .....	4
Colouring .....	5	Pepper .....	7
Cooking Fat .....	2	Pie Filling ..	1
Cream .....	7	Pudding (canned) .....	3
Curry Powder .....	2	Rice .....	3
Desiccated Coconut .....	7	Sago .....	1
Dessert Powder .....	1	Salad Cream .....	3
Evaporated Milk .....	5	Salt .....	3
Fish Paste .....	2	Sauces .....	12
Flavouring .....	1	Semolina .....	1
Flour .....	3	Soda Water .....	6
Fruit (canned) .....	4	Soft Drinks .....	48
Fruit (dried) .....	1	Soft Drink Powder .....	2
Fruit Juice .....	7	Soup (canned) .....	1
Glance Cherries .....	1	Spaghetti (canned) .....	2
Glycerine .....	1	Spices .....	2
Gravy Browning .....	2	Stomach Powder .....	1
Herbs .....	2	Sugar .....	2
Ice Cream .....	6	Sweets .....	9
Icing Sugar .....	3	Syrup .....	2
Jam .....	1	Tapioca .....	1
Lard .....	1	Tea .....	5
Margarine .....	1	Treacle .....	1
Vegetables (canned) .....	20	Vegetables (dried) .....	3
Vinegar .....	18	Vitamin Tablets, etc. ....	4
Indian Brandee .....	4	Various Medicines .....	21
Yoghurt .....	1		



# CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. ..	1339	96	363	26588	5797
Number Inspected .. ..	1339	96	363	26588	5797
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis Whole Carcases Condemned	—	1	7	9	—
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	351	59	19	14724	3008
Percentage of Number affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis ..	26.2 %	62.5 %	7.13 %	55.4 %	51.9%
Tuberculosis Only Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	55
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. ..	—	—	—	—	0.95%

Cysticercosis .. 4 Cases were found during the year

## LIST OF SCARLET FEVER CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1965

Age Groups	Total	Sex		WARD OR PARISH
		M	F	Clydach
1—3 years	1	—	1	1
3—5 years	3	1	2	3
5—10 years	4	2	2	4
TOTAL	8	3	5	8

# SECTION F — PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR EACH MONTH — 1965

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mch.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	5	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	8
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Measles	..	..	..	..	—	—	8	12	2	12	14	1	58
Food Poisoning	..	..	..	..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Dysentery	..	..	..	..	—	3	—	—	6	2	—	—	11
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	7	7	8	12	8	15	14	1	82

PARTICULARS OF INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE YEAR 1965

DISEASE	WARD OR PARISH											Total
	Clydach	Gelli-onen	Ynysymond	Craig-cefn-parc	Garnswllt-Velindre	Cilybebyll	Blaen-egel Mawr	Godrgraig	Allt-ygrug	Cwmllyn-fell	Gwauncae-gurwen	
Scarlet Fever	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Measles	17	2	—	—	4	14	11	1	2	2	5	58
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	3
Dysentery	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5	—	11
TOTAL	29	2	—	—	4	14	15	3	2	8	5	82

# CANCER DEATHS — 1965

Ttl.	SITE	Sex	AGE GROUPS						PARISH OR WARD									
			1—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 & Over	Rhyn-dwy-Clydach	Gelli-onnen	Craig-cefn-parc	Cily-beb-yll	Blaen-egel-M'wr	God-rer-graig	Allt-y-grug	Cwm-lllyn-fell	Cae-gur-wen
1	Tongue	M	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	Oesophagus	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Stomach	M	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
5	Gall Bladder	F	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
3		M	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1		F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Pancreas	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
—	Liver	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Colon	M	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3		F	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
2	Caecum	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	Rectum	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4		M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Testicle	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1		M	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—

[illegible]

# CANCER DEATHS—LUNG AND BRONCHUS 1947—1965

Year	Sex	Total	Clydach	Pontardawe	Ystalyfera	Gwauncaegurwen
1947	M F	6 1	6 1	— —	— —	— —
1948	M F	9 1	3 1	1 —	2 —	3 —
1949	M F	12 —	8 —	3 —	— —	1 —
1950	M F	9 —	3 —	2 —	1 —	3 —
1951	M F	7 —	5 —	1 —	1 —	— —
1952	M F	12 —	9 —	2 —	— —	1 —
1953	M F	21 1	14 1	3 —	3 —	1 —
1954	M F	2 3	1 —	— 1	— —	1 2
1955	M F	16 1	4 —	4 —	6 1	2 —
1956	M F	17 —	8 —	3 —	4 —	2 —
1957	M F	10 —	4 —	3 —	1 —	2 —
1958	M F	18 —	10 —	3 —	2 —	3 —
1959	M F	12 —	3 —	4 —	1 —	4 —
1960	M F	13 1	5 —	4 1	3 —	1 —
1961	M F	8 1	5 1	2 —	1 —	— —
1962	M F	12 —	3 —	5 —	3 —	1 —
1963	M F	12 —	7 —	2 —	2 —	1 —
1964	M F	14 2	5 1	2 —	3 —	4 1
1965	M F	8 1	4 —	2 1	1 —	1 —

# CANCER DEATHS 1947 - 1965

Year	Sex	Total	Clydach	Pontardawe	Ystalyfera	Gwaun- caegurwen
1947	M	28	15	6	4	3
	F	27	7	9	4	7
1948	M	42	10	9	7	16
	F	20	3	9	5	3
1949	M	40	11	18	5	6
	F	24	4	7	2	11
1950	M	33	10	8	6	9
	F	23	8	5	4	6
1951	M	40	21	8	6	5
	F	22	6	5	4	7
1952	M	35	14	10	8	3
	F	31	10	6	10	5
1953	M	47	25	8	9	5
	F	28	8	8	6	6
1954	M	25	11	6	4	4
	F	23	5	13	1	4
1955	M	43	10	15	11	7
	F	30	5	9	9	7
1956	M	46	21	10	9	6
	F	35	10	10	6	9
1957	M	41	13	11	10	7
	F	26	7	5	6	8
1958	M	55	20	13	11	11
	F	33	11	8	6	8
1959	M	37	9	11	7	10
	F	23	8	4	7	4
1960	M	38	14	10	7	7
	F	34	6	10	3	5
1961	M	34	12	12	6	4
	F	32	11	6	4	11
1962	M	35	12	11	9	3
	F	25	8	8	6	3
1963	M	27	11	8	5	3
	F	24	7	5	9	3
1964	M	37	9	13	5	10
	F	24	8	10	1	5
1965	M	32	13	8	6	5
	F	26	2	9	7	8

## TUBERCULOSIS

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1 Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	4	—	—	—	2	—	1	—
65 & upwards	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	6	3	1	3	2	—	1	—

Rate of Incidence of New Cases : 0.43 per 1,000 population

Death Rate from this Disease : 0.1 per 1,000 population

### NUMBER OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR 1965

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory and Non-Respiratory
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
206	189	395	37	35	72	467

Rate of Incidence : 15.56 per 1,000 population

### NUMBER OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1965

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory and Non-Respiratory
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
210	192	402	37	38	75	477

Rate of Incidence : 15.9 per 1,000 population



# PARTICULARS OF TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS 1950 - 1965

Year	Pulmonary		Total	Non-Pulmonary		Total	Total Deaths All Forms
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
1950	10	10	20	1	2	3	23
1951	8	8	16	—	1	1	17
1952	13	3	16	—	1	1	17
1953	12	1	13	1	1	2	15
1954	8	2	10	2	—	2	12
1955	7	2	9	—	—	—	9
1956	1	3	4	—	—	—	4
1957	5	2	7	—	2	2	9
1958	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1959	3	—	3	—	1	1	4
1960	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1961	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1962	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1963	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
1964	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1965	2	—	2	1	—	1	3

# CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SHOPS' INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1965

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1965.

In the main the work proceeded normally, with inspection of the services when necessary, and the maintenance of the services generally. The report sets out the work done under the normal functions of public health inspection and statistics are given where applicable.

The closing weeks of December, brought the lanslips at Godrergraig and Craig Cefn Parc and reference is made in greater detail later in the report to the problems which arose.

## PART 1. GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH

### Inspections for the Year, 1965

(a) All types of premises under Public Health and Housing Acts. ....	5,816
(b) Infectious Diseases .....	269
(c) Dairies, Milkshops, etc. ....	37
(d) Factories and Workplaces .....	162
(e) Verminous Premises .....	134
(f) Miscellaneous (including Food Stores and Butchers' Shops) .....	4,612
(g) Inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1950 .....	954
(h) Inspections under Shops Act, 1950 .....	733
(i) Inspections of Licensed Premises .....	166
(j) Meat Inspection—see appropriate section of report	

### Public Cleansing.

#### (a) REFUSE COLLECTION

##### (i) Direct Labour Collection

Refuse collection proceeded normally during the year. As reported in previous years, the change in refuse composition is becoming increasingly apparent. There is at the present moment a high bulk content with low density ; this dictates the use of larger vehicles. Increasing traffic build-up, particularly at a time when refuse is collected, renders side loading vehicles dangerous to personnel who have to walk on the inner side of the road.

## REFUSE COLLECTION, 1965

ORGANIZATION					VEHICLES & PERSONNEL			
District No.	Area Serviced	Approx. No. of Houses Serviced	Frequency of Collection	Disposal Points	Make of V"icle	Type of Body	Date of First Registration	No. of Personnel
1	CLYDACH All Clydach to Mond Works. Craigcefnparc	1914	Main Roads daily, Monday to Friday. Business Premises Primarily Wednesday Other Roads, Twice Weekly	Rhyddwen Craigcefnparc	Karrier	3/4 ton 18/24 cu. yd. all steel covered body	2/2/65	3
2	ALLTWEN & CLYDACH Clydach from Mond to Cross, Pontardawe, Gellynudd, Rhos Alltwn, Glais	2091	do	do	Karrier (Diesel)	2/3 ton 7 cu. yd. all steel covered body	1/10/58	3
3	PONTARDAWE Rhydyfro, Ynysmeudwy up to Jubilee Stores plus Maesycloed, Pen-darren, Tanyddarren. All Pontardawe	1727	do	Allytgrug Ystalyfera	Karrier (Diesel)	3/4 ton 18/24 cu. yd. all steel covered body	11/11/63	3
4	YSTALYFERA Cwmtwrch, Godrergraig down to Jubilee Stores Plus all Side Streets	1765	do	do	Bantam Karrier (Diesel)	3/4 ton 10 cu. yard all steel covered body	19/11/60	3
5	GWAUNCAEGURWEN Whole of Caegurwen Ward	1678	do	Brynamman Common	Karrier (Diesel)	2/3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered Body	9/1/60	3
General Replacement	All Areas as required during emergencies				Karrier (Diesel)	2/3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered body	1/12/56	

During the year, a new rear loading dual tip vehicle commenced work in the Clydach area. This enabled the collection service to be improved, but the height of the vehicle imposes further problems of garage alterations and access to small lanes. Your Council has approved the principle of replacing all side loading vehicles now in use with rear loaders, and when this has been completed consideration will have to be given to a special collection by a small vehicle of the inaccessible roads of the area generally.

(ii) Refuse Disposal.

Land reclamation by refuse tipping is the method adopted throughout the area for the disposal. During the year, however, the Council approved a visit to an area where a mechanical shredding system was in operation. The plant considered apparently seemed to work satisfactorily and to produce quickly a shredded end product which made for easy, compact disposal. When the plant was new in design and it was understood that an adjoining area were testing similar models, it was decided to await further experience of the system. The new large capacity vehicles referred to above, will now enable sites to be considered outside centres of population, and it is thought that two tips in the upper and lower parts of the valley will be adequate and more easily served by the Council's mechanical levelling equipment.

The tips at Craig Cefn Parc, Ystalyfera and Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen are continuing in operation and the joint tipping project, with Llandeilo Rural Council at Cwmllynfell has satisfactorily developed.

(iii) Contracts.

Contract collections are carried out at Velindre, Garnswllt, Cwmllynfell, Rhiwfawr, Cwmcerdinen and Tynyberllan.

(b) NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL.

Contract collections are now restricted to those few areas where sewers are not provided. As these areas become more scattered for the contractor and fewer in number so does the price collection commensuratically rise. This raises the question of basic economics, and it is thought that both from the health aspect which is the prime consideration and the finance implications which cannot be overlooked, a time has arrived when the sewerage of these places should be undertaken. Should levels of rock make access to the trunk sewer impracticable, then consideration might be given to one of the systems which have since the war come to increasing use : mostly small treatment plants.

		No. of pails removed during the year 1965	
Area			
Rhiwfawr ..	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,832

### **(c) STREET CLEANING**

The Council pays an annual amount within the terms of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the County Council for the cleansing of highways by this latter authority. The repayment basis has been agreed throughout Glamorgan by the constituent county districts and cleansing is carried out on a mechanized basis.

### **(d) LITTER**

The report of the previous year referred to the instability in this area of litter bins with hinged lids and base. Metallic corrosion renders them unusable in a short time. The new open bins with inner liner introduced during the year, have proved quite successful and the plastic bonded containers are standing up very well to local weather conditions.

In connection with litter, it is proper to refer to the problem of abandoned vehicles. The Pontardawe Rural District with its large open spaces and mountain roads presents an ideal dumping ground for members of the public faced with the problems of car disposal. This is a national difficulty, and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in Circular 8/65 recommended the use of Litter Act powers where offenders could be traced. In many instances the car owners have found it impossible to dispose of the vehicle through normal means and dump it on an open space without any identification marks. As a last resort it is felt that the only practicable solution will be for Local Authorities in suitable areas to set up a joint scheme for collecting and disposing of all vehicles.

### **Factories Act, 1961**

The provisions of this Act were where necessary applied during the year.

### **Rodent Destruction**

The accompanying table shows the action taken during the year. Every effort has been made to deal promptly with complaints and no indications have been found during the year that infestations are on the increase. There is also no evidence of rat resistance to the poisons used.

Token baiting has been carried out in the Council's sewers and excessive infestation does not appear to exist. Discussions have taken place with officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with a view to the joint treatment of all sewers being carried out during the coming year. Such an exercise will establish clearly the degree of infestation in sewers in this area.

# RODENT DESTRUCTION, 1965

WARD/PARISH	Premises treated, Including Refuse Tips, Brooks, River Banks				Sewer Treatment		Combined Figures		
	No. Treated	No. of Baiting Points	No. of Baits Laid	No. of Manholes Treated	No. of Baits Laid	Total Premises & Manholes Treated	Total No of Baiting Points	Total Baits Laid	
Clydach .. ..	38	1144	3432	—	—	38	1144	3432	
Gellionnen .. ..	27	661	1983	—	—	27	661	1983	
Mawr .. ..	8	267	801	—	—	8	267	801	
Ynisymond .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cilybebyll .. ..	47	1135	3405	—	—	47	1135	3405	
Blaenegel & Mawr	60	1812	5436	—	—	60	1812	5436	
Godrergraig .. ..	28	746	2238	—	—	28	746	2238	
Alltygrug .. ..	61	1760	5280	—	—	61	1760	5280	
Cwmllynfell .. ..	18	554	1662	—	—	18	554	1662	
Caegurwen .. ..	57	1883	5649	—	—	57	1883	5649	
TOTALS .. ..	344	9962	29886	—	—	344	9962	29886	



## HOUSING

### REPAIR, OVERCROWDING AND DEMOLITION

#### (a) Repair

Informal action has been taken during the year to effect the repair of houses in the area as in previous years. It is pleasing to report that relationship with house owners is sufficiently cordial to achieve the necessary improvements without recourse to statutory action. Improvement grants are a feature of the Councils housing policy and a great deal of repair work is taking place coincidentally so that the houses are brought up to the required standard.

#### **Godrergraig and Craigcefnparc Landslips and their Housing Implications.**

It is likely that the year 1965 in the month of December, will be long remembered for the above incident. Intensive rain during the preceeding months, and particularly the week preceeding the 19th of December did not auger well for the stability of Godrergraig. It became apparent on Friday, 17th December, that the heavy rain was adversely affecting land conditions. There was flooding of parts of the lower valley and there were obvious signs of land movement between Pantteg and the Cilbrwyn Club area on the top road to Ystalyfera. During the next few days, house occupiers were advised that their premises were unsafe due to land movements, and it became necessary to find alternative accomodation. An emergency meeting of the Council Authorities took place, and approved the allocation of all vacant houses, new and casual to persons residing within the affected areas of Godrergraig, Pantteg and Graig Cefn Parc until such times as the problems would be solved. It was fortunate that houses were nearing completion in Trebanos and with the willing assistance of that Ward, the department was able to house almost all the people concerned before Christmas day. As a result of the land movement some thirty houses were then or subsequently vacated permanently. Their acquisition by the Council in a clearance exercise will be dealt with in a subsequent report. It is difficult in the colder light of later months to recall the disturbances, discomfort and loss which the people involved experienced at that time, but one thing is clear—in such difficulties they look and can only look to the Local Authority for guidance and support.

#### **Rent Act, 1957.**

No of Certificates of Disrepair Granted	..	..	Nil
Number of Undertakings given by Landlord	..	..	Nil
Number of Certificates Cancelled during the Year			Nil

## (b) Demolition and Closure

The table indicates action taken in the various wards during the year. The remarks made in previous years regarding the general procedure again apply.

WARD	Demolition Order	Undertaking Accepted	Undertakings Cancelled	Closing Order
Cilybebyll .. ..	—	8	5	—
Alltygrug .. ..	2	6	—	2
Rhyndwyclydach .. ..	—	5	—	—
Gellionnen .. ..	—	3	—	—
Caegurwen .. ..	1	3	8	—
Blaenegel & Mawr .. ..	1	4	5	—
Cwmllynfell .. ..	—	—	—	—
Ynysmond .. ..	—	2	—	—
Godrergraig .. ..	6	3	—	—
Mawr/Craigcefnparc .. ..	—	2	—	—
Velindre/Garnswllt .. ..	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>

## Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts.) .. .. . 752
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .. 2512
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation .. .. . 46
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation 685

## Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. .. .. . 174



## Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :

### (a) Proceedings under sections of the Housing Act, 1957 :

- |     |   |     |
|-----|---|-----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices         |     |
| (a) | by Owners .. .. .   | Nil |
| (b) | by Local Authority in default of Owners ..  | Nil |

### (b) Proceedings under Public Health Act :

- |     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. . | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices                   |     |
| (a) | by Owners .. .. .  | Nil |
| (b) | by Local Authority in default of Owners ..   | Nil |

### (c) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

- |     |   |    |
|-----|---|----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. | 10 |
| (2) | Premises in respect of which Undertakings to repair were accepted .. .. .       | 36 |
| (3) | Undertakings cancelled .. .. .  | 18 |
| (4) | Closing Orders .. .. .  | 2  |

### (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

- |     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| (1) | Number of Separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .. .. .   | Nil |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit | Nil |

## Housing Act, 1957—Part 1.—Overcrowding.

(a)	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year .. .. .	19
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein .. ..	39
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein .. ..	121
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported the year .. .. .	2
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during during the year .. .. .	33
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	119
(d)		Particulars of cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil
(e)		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ..	Nil

## Common Lodging Houses.

There is one common lodging house in the area and it is registered as a suitable premises. Conditions are well up to standard and its main function, apart from the regular users, is to house for varying periods some of the labour force of building contractors from outside the area, who have work within the district.

## Caravans.

There is only one caravan site in the area and this is properly properly laid out and operated by an engineering firm in conjunction with mining development at Abernant. The area generally, is not suited to caravan development, and the housing problems not so great that families need have recourse to temporary accommodation of this nature.

Land Charges.

A total of 458 land charges inquiries was dealt with departmentally during the year. These were distributed on Ward basis as follows.

Ynysmond	..	13	Gellionen	..	..	36
Cilybebyll	..	63	Craigcefnparc	..	..	9
Blaenegel & Mawr		63	Godrergraig	..	..	12
Alltygrug	..	48	Cwmllynfell	..	..	13
Caegurwen	..	66	Velindre/Garnswllt	..	..	11
Clydach	..	124				

TOTAL . . . . 458

Atmospheric Pollution.

At the turn of the century there is no doubt that considerable air pollution took place. This of course was true of the country as a whole at that time, but whereas air pollution of varying degrees still exists in the “Black Areas” of Britain, it is virtually absent in the Pontardawe area. The heavy industries, with the exception of the International Nickel Refinery have gone, and the refinery in itself is an excellent example of air pollution control. The development of industries in the area as far as all indications go, are of a non-polluting nature ; they will in the main, be light industries and there is every hope that the present satisfactory position will be maintained.

AIR POLLUTION RECORDING RESULTS

Month	Deposited Matter Tons per sq. mile	Mg. of SO3 day collected by 100 sq. cm. of batch A Pb02 (louvered cover)	
		The Convent Clydach	High Street Clydach
January	—	0.86	0.54
February	—	0.63	0.39
March	—	0.68	0.44
April	—	0.60	0.40
May	—	0.58	0.41
June	—	0.44	—
July	—	0.28	—
August	—	0.93	—
September	—	0.17	0.53
October	—	0.45	0.25
November	—	0.29	0.56
December	—	0.64	0.60

Samples were also taken from the boiler room of the Council Offices and the Rating and Valuation Clerk's room for the month of February 1965. The results being :—

Boiler Room Council Offices	1.94
Rating and Valuation Clerk's room	0.14

### **General Public Health.**

The statistics in the earlier part of this report indicate the wide range of duties carried out by the Department but it is proposed to refer here to a few matters of particular interest which have been dealt with during the year.

#### **(1) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

During the year further premises have been registered, and in the main found generally to comply with the provisions of the Act. In some large undertakings, extensions are in need of consideration, and the plans will be discussed with the owners, so as to ensure that the Act is fully complied with.

#### **(2) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963**

One premises only within this area needs to be registered, and it is so registered.

#### **(3) Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.**

This Act came into operation during the year and requires all Scrap Metal Dealers to register with the Local Authorities. The inspection of their books and invoices is a matter for the constabulary. Several registrations have been made, and others are under consideration.

### **Swansea Valley Canal.**

Your Officers are still in discussion with British Waterways regarding the condition of the flowing canal, and the piping of the new dry section from Hodgson Road, Godrergraig, to the Breconshire border. It became evident during the landslip period referred to earlier in this report, that this dry section although a nuisance during dry weather serves to contain a great deal of flood water during periods of heavy rain, thereby limiting flooding in the Varteg Road area. The piping of this section would eliminate its present reservoir effect, and the endeavours to find a convenient outlet to discharge to the river have delayed the piping project. The possibility of utilizing the culvert in the only acquired industrial site, is at the moment under consideration.

## Inspection and Supervision of Food.

### (1) Milk.

Only designated milks are sold within the area. The bulk of such sales are T.T. Pasteurised. Inspections are made of dairies, milk distribution vehicles and sites where bulk supplies are delivered for local retail. Action over the years has effected considerable improvement in places where these supplies are put out for further collection. Samples are taken to ensure efficient pasteurisation and to see that no other infections are present.

### Milk Supply.

(a) Number of Inspections made of Dairies and Milk Shops during the year	.. .. .	37
(b) Number of Dairies which were internally re-conditioned, new floors and channels in cement concrete, additional windows fixed for improving the lighting, ventilation, new stalls and troughs, etc. erected	.. ..	Nil
(c) New Dairies erected	.. .. .	Nil
(d) Number of Dairies limewashed on internal surfaces of walls and interior of roofs cleansed as the result of informal action taken.	.. .. .	5

### (2) Meat Inspection.

Two slaughterhouses privately owned operate within the area. The Department maintains a 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered for human consumption. The attached table indicates the number of animals inspected and the diseased conditions found. Both premises have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and were found by them to comply with the Slaughterhouse Regulations.

## FOOD HYGIENE.

Regular inspections are made of all premises in the area where food is stored, prepared or sold for human consumption. There is a good standard of compliance with the regulations, and food handlers generally co-operate with the officers in ensuring that the principles of food hygiene are observed.

Reference was made in a previous report to the improvements which it was hoped that new legislation would bring to vehicles from which food is sold. While the new regulations are not yet in being, it is believed that the coming year will see them in operation.

### Number of Premises in the Area by Type of Business

	Number of Shops
Bakers and Pastrycooks (Including all bread and flour confectioners) .. .. .	10
Butchers (Including Pork Butchers) .. .. .	46
Coffee, Milk and Snack Bars .. .. .	4
Confectioners (Sweets and Chocolates) (Including Theatres, Cinemas, Departmental Stores, Newsagents, etc.) ..	144
Fishmongers : Wet .. .. .	8
Fried .. .. .	22
Fruiterers and Greengrocers (Excluding Stallholders and Hawkers) .. .. .	74
Grocers, Tea and Provision Dealers .. .. .	198
Restaurants and Cafes (Unlicensed) .. .. .	17

### ICE CREAM

Samples of ice-cream taken during the year have generally proved satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream sold in the area is of national manufacture, hygienically prepared and well packed. It is important, however, that retailers in the area understand the nature of the product they handle and are well versed in the steps necessary to prevent its contamination.

### UNFIT FOODS

The following articles of food were inspected and found to be unsound, and surrendered voluntarily for condemnation.

Cooked Ham .....	338 lbs.	Cheese .....	11 lbs.
Corned Beef .....	39 lbs.	Frozen Fish .....	35 pkts.
Gammon .....	198 lbs.	Frozen Vegetables .....	17 pkts.
Fresh Meat .....	130 lbs.	Frozen Meat .....	9 pkts.
Canned Meat .....	45 lbs.	Canned Fruit .....	235 lbs.
Danish Bacon .....	36 lbs.	Canned Vegetables ..	62 lbs.
Poultry .....	406 lbs.	Canned Fish .....	1 tin
Biscuits .....	33 pkts.	Tinned Milk .....	18 pts.
Cereals .....	32 pkts.	Lemon Curd .....	1 jar
Confectionery .....	147 pkts.		



## MEAT INSPECTION

The following table indicates the number of animals slaughtered and inspected and the weight of meat condemned for the period 1st January, 1965 to 31st December, 1965.

### BOVINES

Organ	Disease	No. of Cows Affected	Weight of meat Cond'med (lbs.)	No. of Heifers & Bullocks	Weight of meat Cond'med lbs.)
Liver	Abscess	1	8	47	430
	Angioma	12	179	—	—
	Cirrhosis/Necrosis	14	138	128	648
	C. Bovis	—	—	4	44
	Distomatosis	16	133	147	704
	Hydatid Cysts	12	170	12	170
	Multiple Abscesses	1	16	3	45
	Adhesions	—	—	1	6
	Degeneration	—	—	1	13
	Peritonitis	—	—	2	28
Lungs	Abscess	10	82	22	181
	C. Bovis	—	—	3	38
	Emphysema	2	18	4	36
	Hydatid Cysts	8	88	19	145
	Congestion	—	—	1	5
	Pleurisy	—	—	26	243
	Pneumonia	7	56	39	304
Head & Tongue	Abscess	—	—	2	14
	Actinomycosis	1	30	—	—
Heart	Abscess	—	—	1	4
	C. Bovis	—	—	2	10
Di'phgm	C. Bovis	—	—	1	3
Kidney	Nephritis	1	2	—	—
Carcase	Emaciation	1	300	—	—

	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Others</i>
Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	96	1339
Total Number affected with Disease ..	59	351
Weight of Meat Condemned ..	1220 lbs.	3071 lbs.

# SHEEP

Organ	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Liver	Abscess	810	654
	Cirrhosis—Necrosis	819	1211
	Distomatosis	119	163
	Hydatid Cysts	311	829
	Parasites	7629	5113
	Septicaemia	1	8
	Cloudy Swelling	1	4
	Peritonitis	1	2
	Hepatitis	1	4
Lungs	Abscess	50	74
	Congestion	673	724
	Hydatid Cysts	278	496
	Pleurisy	46	72
	Parasites	10192	5454
	Pneumonia	3398	2167
	Oedema	1	2
	Septicaemia	1	8
	Distomatosis	47	66
Heart	Pericarditis	11	8
	Abscess	1	1
Carcase	Bruising (leg)	3	15
	Toxaemia	1	3
	Atrophy	1	18
	Abscess	5	18
	Leg Fracture	1	4
	Bruising	3	10
	Arthritis	4	22
	Pregnancy Toxaemia	2	43
	Emaciation & Dropsy	1	30
	Moribund	5	102

Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	..	26,588
Total Number affected with Disease	.. ..	14,724
Weight of Meat Condemned	.. ..	17,325 lbs.



# PIGS

Organ	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Liver	Abscess	15	33
	Hydatid Cysts	2	8
	Parasites	1629	2523
	Peritonitis	25	84
	White Spot	521	179
	Hepatitis	1	4
	Cirrhosis/Necrosis	2	8
	Asphyxia	1	3
Lungs	Abscess	3	8
	Congestion	605	744
	Parasites	368	384
	Pleurisy	180	381
	Pneumonia	1586	2502
	Asphyxia	1	3
	Melanosis	1	2
Heart	Pericarditis	174	194
Head	Tuberculosis	55	509
	Abscess	2	19
Kidneys	Hydronephrosis	2	2
	Nephritis	1	1
	Asphyxia	1	75
Carcase	Abscess	27	92
	Fractured Leg	1	10
	Bruising	1	2

Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	5,797
Total Number affected with Disease	3,008
Weight of Meat Condemned	7,770 lbs.

# CALVES

Organ	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Liver	Immaturity	2	7
	Moribund	1	4
	Toxaemia	1	4
Lungs	Melanosis	1	2
	Pneumonia	3	10
	Immaturity	2	7
	Moribund	1	2
	Toxaemia	1	4
Carcase	Immaturity	3	60
	Moribund	1	80
	Septic Pneumonia	1	68
	Anascara & Fevered Condition	1	70
	Toxaemia	1	45
	Rib Fracture	1	2
	Arthritis	1	6
	Abscess	1	6
	Bruising	1	7

Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	363
Total Number affected with Disease ..	19
Weight of Meat Condemned .. ..	384 lbs.

Overall Total of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected ..	34,183
Overall Total of Animals affected with Disease .. ..	18,161
Total Weight of Meat Condemned .. ..	13.29 tons

**Disinfection.**

1. Number of investigations made of Notified Infectious Disease cases. . . . .	269
2. Number of premises fumigated or otherwise disinfected	22
3. Number of cases where clothes were disinfected . .	8
4. Number of cases where bedding was destroyed . .	Nil

**DISINFESTATION.**

The services of the Department have been sought by householders throughout the area when they find themselves in difficulty regarding infestations. From day to day, there occur the ordinary problems of beetles and ants, but as well as this, advice is given regarding “Strange Insects.” This phrase is commonly used and the offending pest may turn out to be a Spider beetle, Carpet beetle or the Clover mite.

The Department is usually able to identify and deal with these more unusual problems, but where there is any doubt, specimens are sent to the laboratory for identification.

**Departmental Distribution of Disinfectants and Insecticides**

Disinfectant . . . . .	184 tins
Disinfectant (Soap) . . . . .	36 lbs.

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**PART II**

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACT, 1950**

In accordance with the Agreement between this Authority and the Glamorgan County Council, the Report annually required is herewith submitted on the administration of the Shops Act, 1950.

**1. Early Closing.**

The early closing day varies in the district by reason of traders having exercised their legal right of option for the alternate day. The exercise of the above right has resulted in a variation of day within the same township. The community, however, appears to be well served. Particular attention has been paid to ensure that premises open for the sale of exempted goods do not sell articles not included in the Schedule.

## **2. Closing Hours.**

Shops within the area close according to the times set out in the Act.

The hours of closing permitted by the Shops Act, 1950, operate within the area, the local Closing Order of 1915 being invalid due to incompatibility with the above Act.

## **3. Employment of Young Persons.**

The provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, and the Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938, are generally observed within the area. The hours of work of these young people and the conditions of their employment are duly investigated during routine inspections.

No matters affecting young persons and requiring action under the above Act arose during the year. Liaison with the Youth Employment Bureau has proved of much assistance in the administration of these provisions.

## **4. Authorised Officers.**

Your Chief Public Health Inspector and first Additional Public Health Inspector are Authorised Officers under the above Act.

## **5. General Observations of the Year's Work.**

During 1965, 733 inspections were made for matters falling within the Shops Act, 1950.

In order to ensure that the hours of closing and the provisions with regard to Sunday trading are being observed, visits have been made during the evening in the course of the year and in general it is felt that the provisions of the Act are being respected.

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